

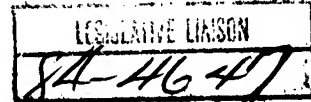
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 TAGS: PTER, PREL, EAIR, ET, SO
 SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF SOMALI AIRLINES BOEING 707

1. (C) ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 1100 HOURS
 LOCAL TIME A SOMALI AIRLINES BOEING 707 MADE AN UNSCHEDULED
 LANDING AT ADDIS ABABA'S BOLE AIRPORT WITH APPROXIMATELY
 ONE HUNDRED PASSENGERS ABOARD AND FOUR HIJACKERS, ONE OF WHOM
 IS REPORTEDLY WOUNDED. AIRCRAFT WAS ESCORTED INTO BOLE BY
 ETHIOPIAN AIR FORCE PLANES AND IS NOW SITTING ON TAXI-WAY
 SURROUNDED BY ETHIOPIAN ARMY TROOPS AND PERSONNEL CARRIERS.

3. FOR MOGADISHU: PLEASE CHECK AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY AMERICAN
 CITIZENS ABOARD THIS CRAFT.

4. WE HAVE LEARNED ABOVE FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE AT AIRPORT.
 SO FAR, ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAS SAID NOTHING TO US ABOUT IT.
 WE DO NOT KNOW IF OR HOW THIS MAY [REDACTED]
 ARRIVAL SCHEDULED FOR 2200 HOURS THIS EVENING. HOWEVER IN
 ABSENCE OF WORD TO CONTRARY FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA
 BELIEVE CODEL SHOULD PROCEED AS SCHEDULED. PLANES ARE CURRENTLY
 TAKING OFF AND LANDING AS NORMAL.

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TAGS: AEMR, PTER, PREL, ET, SO
SUBJECT: SOMALIA AIRLINES HIJACKING - SITUATION REPORT
NO. 1 AS OF 1700 EST NOVEMBER 24, 1984

1. SECRET -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE HIJACKED SOMALIA AIRLINES PLANE IS NOW ON THE GROUND AT ADDIS ABABA AIRPORT. THE HIJACKERS, BELIEVED TO BE SOMALI ARMY OFFICERS, HAVE RELEASED A NUMBER OF THE HOSTAGES INCLUDING 15 WOMEN, AN INJURED PILOT, AND WOUNDED SECURITY GUARD. THE ONLY AMERICAN INVOLVED, LT. JAMES DELL, USN REGIONAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION AT BERBERA, REMAINS AMONG THE HOSTAGES. THE PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT ONE OF THE HOSTAGES IS AN AMERICAN, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO MENTION OF HIS BEING A USG OFFICIAL.

3. THE HIJACKERS ARE DEMANDING RELEASE OF 14 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SOMALIA PLUS STAY OF EXECUTION FOR SEVEN YOUNG SOMALI DISSIDENTS. THEY HAD THREATENED TO KILL 10 OF THE SOMALI HOSTAGES AS WELL AS TO BLOW UP THE PLANE BY MIDNIGHT NOVEMBER 24 LOCAL TIME IF THEIR DEMANDS WERE NOT MET. THAT HOUR HAS PASSED AND WE HAVE HEARD NO FURTHER WORD. THE AMERICAN HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY, BUT MAY BE IN JEOPARDY FROM THE THREAT OF BLOWING UP THE PLANE.

4. EMBASSY ADDIS DOES NOT HAVE ANY INDICATION THAT THE ETHIOPIANS ARE PLANNING A NIGHT RAID. THE ETHIOPIANS HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE HIJACKERS VIEW THE NON-SOMALI PASSENGERS AS INNOCENT BYSTANDERS, BUT THAT SITUATION COULD CHANGE RAPIDLY WERE THE HIJACKERS TO CARRY OUT THEIR THREATS.

5. THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IS NEGOTIATING WITH THE HIJACKERS AND HAS BEEN PASSING THEIR DEMANDS TO THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT OF SOMALIA HAS

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REQUESTED THAT THE DEADLINE BE EXTENDED TO NOON LOCAL
NOVEMBER 25 TO ALLOW TIME TO RESPOND TO DEMANDS. EMBASSY
ADDIS HAS MADE A DEMARCHE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA
(PMGSE) THAT THEY EXERCISE ALL POSSIBLE CARE TO ASSURE
SAFE RELEASE OF THE AMERICAN AND OTHER PASSENGERS.

6. IN THE MEANTIME, C [REDACTED] BLY
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